

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION concerning the Central Waterfront; commending the work of the Central Waterfront Committee, dissolving that Committee and superseding Resolution 31264; and establishing a new Central Waterfront Steering Committee to advise the City on implementing the Central Waterfront Concept Design and Strategic Plan to create a series of new parks and public spaces on the Central Waterfront, and on building the broader partnerships necessary for it to succeed.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation dissolves the existing 45-member Central Waterfront Committee (CWC), an ad-hoc advisory committee which was created by Resolution 31264 in 2012. It replaces it with a new, smaller Waterfront Steering Committee (WSC), outlines the purpose and charge of the WSC, appoints its membership, and outlines basic policies and procedures.

Background:

This will be the third version of the Central Waterfront Committee since it was initially created in 2009. At each phase of the work on the Central Waterfront, Mayor and Council have re-organized the Committee to focus on the specific tasks and issues facing the project.

In 2009, the City established through Ordinances 123142 and 123212 the Central Waterfront Partnerships Committee (“CWPC”), to advise the City on issues relating to designing, developing and managing a series of premiere public spaces on the Central Waterfront, and specifically to recommend effective models for the formation of a civic partnership to oversee the successful creation of these public spaces on the Central Waterfront. As part of Ordinance 123142, the City Council adopted an additional set of principles intended to capture the key civic goals and objectives that should shape the creation of new public spaces on the Central Waterfront project, expanding on Resolutions 30664 and 30724.

In 2011, the City adopted Resolution 31264, which carried forward the work of the CWPC in a new form, as the Central Waterfront Committee (CWC), and created a Charter to guide the work of that Committee and ensure it resulted in a clear set of strategies for the project in the areas of design, finance and partnerships, stewardship, and public engagement. As part of Resolution

31264, the City affirmed a set of Guiding Principles to steer the project and ensure it aligned with our core values as a City, including that we create a “Waterfront for All” that engages the entire city and attracts people from all walks of life to enjoy this public asset.

In 2012, the City adopted Resolution 31399, which endorsed the Concept Design and Framework Plan for the Central Waterfront developed through broad and extensive public and stakeholder engagement across the City, and recognized a Strategic Plan and Funding Plan for implementing the improvements called for in the Concept Design.

Please check one of the following:

☒ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

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Other Implications:

a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

No. A similar Central Waterfront Committee has existed and been staffed by DPD, SDOT and Parks since 2010. This legislation does not expand the fiscal implications of staffing this committee.

b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

A key role of this committee is to support the City’s efforts to develop a funding plan for planned improvements to the Central Waterfront, including developing the case for philanthropic funding support. A potential impact of not implementing this legislation would be the loss of philanthropic funding for portions of the project.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Yes – it requires SDOT and Parks to continue staffing the work of the committee.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

Because the committee helps to provide citizen oversight and support to the City’s efforts on the Central Waterfront, there is no clear alternative that would provide citizen oversight and input. In addition to the committee, the City has allocated significant time and resources to direct engagement with Seattle residents and businesses; it is possible that these time and resources could be expanded as an alternative to having the committee.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Other Issues:

None have been identified at this time.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

N/A